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Kentucky Recycling Assistance Section

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## Latest Export Numbers Show Mixed Bag

According to *Resource Recycling*, figures on tonnages of exported recyclables indicate a month-to-month boost for recovered plastics, but most materials are down when compared with 2014.

In October, the most recent month for which figures are available, scrap plastics exports totaled 372.89 million pounds, an increase of 14.2 percent from September 2015 export levels. When matched against October 2014 levels, however, the volume of plastic scrap exports in the month was down significantly, by 19.1 percent.

The weighted price of recovered plastic exports in October was 17.51 cents per pound, down 3.6 percent from its September 2015 standing. That price-per-pound figure from October 2015 was down 11.4 percent from the level in October 2014.

With 3.85 billion pounds of scrap plastics exported through the first 10 months of 2015, the volume was down 4.5 percent from the 2014 year-to-date (YTD) figure. At 18.14 cents per pound, the average price through October 2015 was down by 8.7 percent from its 2014 YTD standing.

As for other exported materials, recovered paper exports were up slightly through the first 10 months of 2015, with 16.43 million metric tons exported, a 3.4 percent increase from October 2014 YTD levels. At \$157 per metric ton, the weighted average price of exported recovered paper through October was down YTD by 5.2 percent.

The 10.90 metric tons of ferrous scrap exported through October 2015 amounted to a 15.6 percent YTD decrease. At \$326 per metric ton, the weighted average price of exported ferrous scrap was down steeply, by 20.0 percent, from September 2014 YTD levels.

Lastly, the 2.90 billion pounds of aluminum scrap exported in 2015 through October equated to a 9.3 percent decrease from the first 10 months of 2014. At 73 cents per pound, the average price of exported aluminum scrap through October 2015

was down by 4.4 percent compared with 2014 YTD figures.

## New Solid Waste Coordinator Training for RLA Plans, Reports and Grants Scheduled

The Recycling and Local Assistance (RLA) Branch will be holding two new training sessions in the new year for new solid waste coordinators (SWCs).

As part of an initiative to inform new SWCs of their duties to the state, such as 5-year plans and annual reports, and what the state can do for them, such as waste tire collection events and grants, the New Solid Waste Coordinator Training for RLA Plans, Reports and Grants will have two sessions in February—one in Eastern Kentucky and one in Western Kentucky.

On Tuesday, February 16, the session will be held at the Kentucky River ADD Conference Center at 917 Perry Park Road, Hazard, KY. The training will begin at 9 am EST.

On Tuesday, February 23, the session will be held at the Barren River ADD Conference Room at 177 Graham Avenue, Bowling Green, KY. The training will begin at 9 am CST.

“These trainings will make sure that all of the new coordinators will have the opportunity to learn more about their positions and how those positions relate to what we do in RLA,” said Shannon Powers, the organizer of the trainings. “Also, everyone will hear the same message at the same time, and they will get to hear it from individuals in RLA who handle those particular plans, reports and grants.”

If you are interested in one of the training sessions, please contact Shannon Powers at [shannonl.powers@ky.gov](mailto:shannonl.powers@ky.gov) with the following information: The attendee’s name, job title, county, phone number and place where you will be attending. The deadline for registering has been extended to Friday, January 8.



COMMODITY	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Dec-14
<b><u>PAPER-\$/TON</u></b>	<b>RISI Official Board Markets (Midwest/Chicago area) FOB</b>							
	<b>Jun-15</b>	<b>Jul-15</b>	<b>Aug-15</b>	<b>Sep-15</b>	<b>Oct-15</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>	<b>Dec-15</b>	<b>Dec-14</b>
#2 mixed paper	\$30-35	\$40-45	\$40-45	\$40-45	\$40-45	\$40-45	\$40-45	\$35-40
#37 sorted office paper (SOP)	\$130-140	\$130-140	\$130-140	\$125-135	\$120-130	\$115-125	\$105-115	\$125-135
#8 ONP	\$40-45	\$45-50	\$45-50	\$45-50	\$45-50	\$45-50	\$45-50	\$50-55
#40 sorted white ledger (SWL)	\$230-240	\$230-240	\$230-240	\$220-230	\$210-220	\$200-210	\$190-200	\$210-220
#11 OCC	\$60-65	\$70-75	\$75-80	\$75-80	\$75-80	\$70-75	\$65-70	\$65-70
<b><u>PLASTICS-¢/LB.</u></b>	<b>Recycling Markets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - FOB</b>							
	<b>Jun-15</b>	<b>Jul-15</b>	<b>Aug-15</b>	<b>Sep-15</b>	<b>Oct-15</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>	<b>Dec-15</b>	<b>Dec-14</b>
#1 PET - mixed (clear & green)	\$0.13	\$0.13	\$0.13	\$0.12	\$0.10	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.16
#2 HDPE (natural-milk jugs)	\$0.33	\$0.36	\$0.37	\$0.25	\$0.26	\$0.27	\$0.29	\$0.43
#2 HDPE (colored-detergent btls.)	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.19	\$0.15	\$0.18	\$0.22	\$0.25	\$0.27
<b><u>GLASS-\$/TON</u></b>	<b>Recycling Markets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - Delivered</b>							
	<b>Jun-15</b>	<b>Jul-15</b>	<b>Aug-15</b>	<b>Sep-15</b>	<b>Oct-15</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>	<b>Dec-15</b>	<b>Dec-14</b>
clear (flint)	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
brown (amber)	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00
green	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00
<b><u>METALS</u></b>	<b>Recycling Markets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - Baled/Densified</b>							
	<b>Jun-15</b>	<b>Jul-15</b>	<b>Aug-15</b>	<b>Sep-15</b>	<b>Oct-15</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>	<b>Dec-15</b>	<b>Dec-14</b>
aluminum beverage cans (UBC) cents/lb.	\$0.57	\$0.57	\$0.56	\$0.54	\$0.54	\$0.54	\$0.55	\$0.78
	<b>Recycling Markets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - Baled</b>							
	<b>Jun-15</b>	<b>Jul-15</b>	<b>Aug-15</b>	<b>Sep-15</b>	<b>Oct-15</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>	<b>Dec-15</b>	<b>Dec-14</b>
steel cans \$/TON	\$60-85	\$60-90	\$55-90	\$45-90	\$35-90	\$20-40	\$24-32	\$110-120



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